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Add the following new claims:

5. (new) A sealing and guiding arrangement for passage of a piston rod in a two-cylinder dashpot or a two-cylinder spring-leg and for sealing and guiding said piston rod when traveling into and out of the dashpot, comprising: at least one seal for sealing the interior of the dashpot from the outside; at least one radial guide for the piston rod; said two-cylinder dashpot having an inner cylinder and an outer cylinder; a gas chamber between said outer cylinder and said inner cylinder; a gas channel extending between said radial guide and said gas chamber; a check valve in said gas channel in upstream of said gas chamber and formed as a lipped seal comprising a flow-through diaphragm, said lipped seal having a sealing lip on an elastically-tensioned circular ring with substantially circular-shaped cross-section, said diaphragm being formed of at least one recess in a sealing seat under said circular ring.

6. (new) The arrangement as defined in claim 5, wherein said sealing lip rests against a conical surface of a groove holding said seal.

7. (new) The arrangement as defined in claim 5, including a bushing mounted on an inner surface of said ring for radially securing said piston rod.

8. (new) The arrangement as defined in claim 7, wherein said lip rests against a conical surface and forms a valve with said conical surface for preventing gas in said gas chamber from penetrating between said bushing and the seal.

9. (new) The arrangement as defined in claim 5, including an auxiliary seal for sealing said sealing and guiding arrangement from said outer cylinder.

10. (new) The arrangement as defined in claim 5, wherein said gas chamber is located at top of a gap between said outer cylinder and said inner cylinder.

11. (new) A sealing and guiding arrangement for passage of a piston rod in a two-cylinder dashpot or a two-cylinder spring-leg and for sealing and guiding said piston rod when traveling into and out of the dashpot, comprising: at least one seal for sealing the interior of the dashpot from the outside; at least one radial guide for the piston rod; said two-cylinder dashpot having an inner cylinder and an outer cylinder; a gas chamber between said outer cylinder and said inner cylinder; a gas channel extending between said radial guide and said gas chamber; a check valve in said gas channel in upstream of said gas chamber and formed as a lipped seal comprising a flow-through diaphragm, said lipped seal having a sealing lip on an elastically-tensioned circular ring with substantially circular-shaped cross-section, said diaphragm being formed of at least one recess in a sealing seat under said circular ring; said sealing lip resting against a conical surface of a groove holding said seal; a bushing mounted on an inner surface of said ring for radially securing said piston rod; said lip forming a valve with said conical surface for preventing gas in said gas chamber from penetrating between said bushing and the seal; an auxiliary seal for sealing said sealing and guiding arrangement from said outer cylinder; said gas chamber being located atop of a gap between said outer cylinder and said inner cylinder.